(c) The number of LPG distributors under reserved categories as on 1.4.1994 was as under :

SC/ST	—	44
PH	—	21
Defence	—	14
Freedom Fighter	—	7

There is no specific reservation for OBCs.

Expansion Programmes for Refineries

2991. SHRIMATI SARALA MEHESHWARI:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing production capacity of the refineries of the Indian Oil Corporation and what share does it have in the market;

(b) what is the projected demand of the refinery products from IOC after next five years;

(c) what are the plans for expansions and new commissonings to meet such demand;

(d) what is the target date of commissioning of on going Panipat Refinery Project, what is the capacity and project cost and the time and cost overrun;

(e) what is the approximately project/ MMTPA for new grass root refinery project vis-a-vis cost/MMTPA of expansion project;

(f) what are the expansion programmes of Gujarat, Mathura and Haldia Refineries; and

(g) whether there was any proposal for expansion of Haldia Oil Refinery by 3 MMTPA; if so, what is the status and if not, what are the reasons for the rejection of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The present capacity of IOC refineries is 24.55 MMTPA which represent a share of about 46%. The Government have also approved setting up of 6 MMTPA each new refineries at Panipat and in East Coast and expansion of Digboi Refinery by 0.15 MMTPA. The expansion of Koyali Refinery is under process for investment approvals etc.

(d) Government has approved the setting up of a 6 MMTPA capacity refinery at Panipat at an estimated cost of Rs. 3868 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed by April 1997.

(e) It is difficult to precisely corelate cost of grass root refinery vis-a-vis expansion.

(f) and (g) The expansion of Koyali Refinery is under process for investment approvals etc. Capacity of Haldia Refinery has already been increased from 2.5 MMTPA to 2.75 MMTPA by debottlenecking of existing facilities. The lube oil block of the refinery has also been expanded. The second phase of debottlenecking of crude distillation unit of Haldia refinery by installing a prefractionator is currently under implementation by IOC at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.7 crores which will further increase the refinery capacity by 0.2 MMTPA, i.e. to a level of 2.95 MMTPA. Presently there is no proposal for expansion of Mathura Refinery.

Survey for Crude Oil

2992. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the sites where survey is going on for finding crude oil;